

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes  
October 5, 2005  
Conference Call

Members Present: Helen Jones, President  
Lee Otto  
Gene Hardy  
Jim Mickelson  
David Graham  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

Members Absent: Spencer Ellis, Vice President  
Jack Corson  
Emily Horton  
David Largent  
Leif Udem  
Ben Way, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 8:00 a.m. on October 5, 2005.

### Updates

NASDA – John updated the members on the recent NASDA meeting. They are in the process of doing strategic planning for 2007 Farm Bill. USDA has taken the largest hit because of the war and hurricane's Katrina and Rita. WDA is currently inventorying the federal grants it has because they may be in jeopardy. There was discussion of products because of additives in imports vary from state to state. Meat inspections also vary between agencies (USDA/FDA). Homeland security has now taken over boarder inspections. They do not have enough persons and/or training to do a good job. The burden of clean-up when invasive species, etc. are brought in becomes the responsibility of the state which is a real problem for Florida. The banning of feeding ruminants to ruminants is a huge concern for the southern states and all the chicken farms.

Wild horses – The gathers at Salt Wells and Adobe Town went well and the gather at Green Mountain will begin soon with hopes of collecting 600 horses.

Livestock Board– John Etchepare stated that Senator Hines would like to see them raise their fees across the board to raise the funding needed for operation. He is also in favor of promulgating rules to allow for a 2-year task force to get it back on track.

Weston County NRD Request – **Hardy made a motion to allow Weston County Natural Resource District to modify their 2005 grant request to use the funds designated for a web page to publishing a color tri-fold flyer on District activities. Seconded by Graham. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Conference calls – Helen talked with Dr. Galey and he would like to participate in the calls, but he holds his staff meeting at the same time. Helen asked for each member to let her know what other days would work so we can accommodate. She will get back with the members when it is decided.

November meeting – The members would like to have a meeting in Pinedale sometime in November. More details will follow when the arrangements are made to accommodate everyone's schedule. Helen would like to see if Lynn Boomgaarden would be available to attend the next meeting to discuss State Lands.

Governor's tour –Gene Hardy said it was interesting and well organized.

Pole Cat Bench – The discussion of developing irrigation doesn't have the support of the locals as they are thinking that area may be the next Jona field.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Jones, President

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Date